

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the application are respectfully requested in view of the remarks herewith, which place the application into condition for allowance. The present response is being made to facilitate prosecution of the application.

I. STATUS OF THE CLAIMS AND FORMAL MATTERS

Claims 1-11 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 4, and 8 are independent and hereby amended. No new matter has been added. It is submitted that these claims, as originally presented, were in full compliance with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §112. Changes to claims are not made for the purpose of patentability within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §101, §102, §103, or §112. Rather, these changes are made simply for clarification and to round out the scope of protection to which Applicants are entitled.

II. SUPPORT FOR CLAIM AMENDMENTS IN THE SPECIFICATION

Support for this amendment is provided throughout the Specification as originally filed and specifically at paragraph [0064] and Fig. 4 of Applicants' corresponding published application. By way of example and not limitation:

[0064] Subsequently, in step SP16, the control section 19 reproduces the imaging data D1 recorded in the videotape according to a control command issued from the personal computer 12, and simultaneously transmits the data D1 to the personal computer 12 through the communication cable 13.

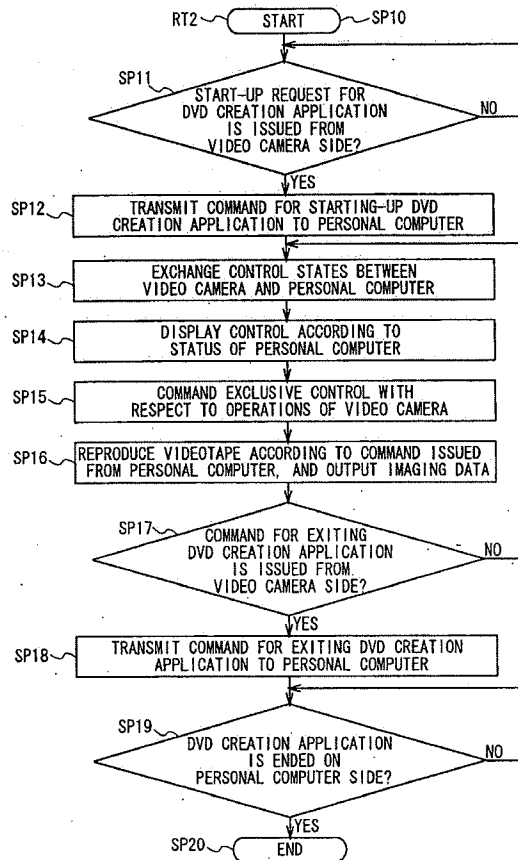


FIG. 4

III. RESPONSE TO REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §102(b)

Claims 1-8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as allegedly anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,953,481 to Watanabe, et al. (hereinafter, merely “Watanabe”).

Claim 1 recites, *inter alia*:

...wherein the control means is configured to **reproduce the imaging data in response to receiving a control command from the external recording device, and simultaneously transmit the imaging data to the external recording device** through the communication means... (emphasis added)

Applicants submit that Watanabe fails to teach or suggest the above-identified features of claim 1. Specifically, Watanabe does not disclose or render predictable “the control means is configured to **reproduce the imaging data in response to receiving a control command from the external recording device, and simultaneously transmit the imaging data to the external recording device** through the communication means,” as recited in claim 1.

Specifically, the Office Action (see page 4) asserts that Watanabe discloses the control means is configured to transmit the imaging data after receiving a control command from the external recording device through the communication means, and refers to Watanabe, Fig. 3, Fig. 6, col. 8, line 60-col. 9, line 12, col. 11, lines 27-34 and col. 12, lines 33-59, which are reproduced as follows:

FIG. 3

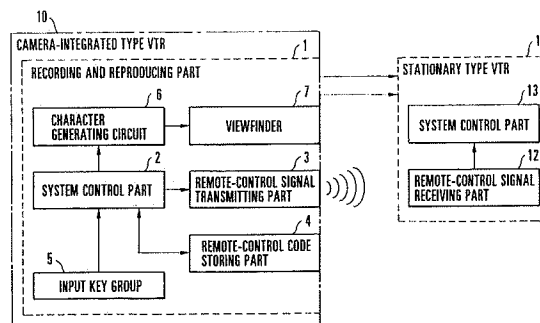
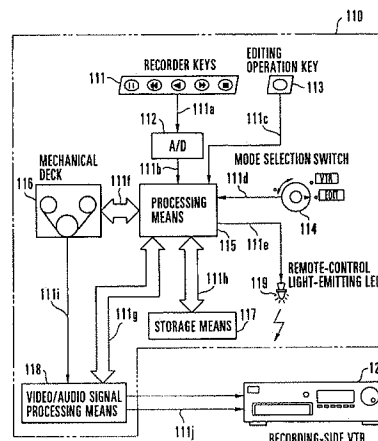


FIG. 6



Watanabe, col. 8, line 60-col. 9:

In controlling the processes of editing video signals recorded by the camera-integrated type VTR 10, the remote-control signal transmitted from the camera-integrated type VTR 10 is received by the remote-control signal receiving part 12. Then, operations of the stationary type VTR 11 are controlled on the basis of the remote-control signal received. More specifically, when the remote-control signal receiving part 12 receives a pause cancel instruction from the remote-control signal transmitting part 3 of the camera-integrated type VTR 10 while a recording action of the stationary type VTR 11 is in a paused state, the system control part 13 releases the recording action from the paused state in response to the pause cancel instruction so as to resume the recording action. On the other hand, when a pause instruction transmitted from the remote-control signal transmitting part 3 of the camera-integrated type VTR 10 is received by the remote-control signal receiving part 12 while a recording action of the stationary type VTR 11 is in process, the recording action is put to a paused state in response to the pause instruction.

Watanabe, col. 11, lines 27-34:

While this embodiment is arranged, by way of example, to hold the remote-control codes of the pause instruction and the pause cancel instruction for use of them in editing, the editing work can be carried out more freely and in a more refined manner with remote-control codes of some other operation instructions such as fast feeding, rewinding, etc., also held and used in addition to the remote-control codes of the pause instruction and the pause cancel instruction.

Watanabe, col. 12, lines 33-59:

The processing means 115 detects the state of the mechanical deck 116 through sensors of various kinds and sends to the mechanical deck 116, via a signal line 111f, a command or the like for control over a start, a stop and a rotating direction of each motor according to the change of the operation mode of the VTR 110. The processing means 115 also sends a reproducing or muting command, character information for a display, etc., to the video/audio signal processing means 118 via a signal line 111g according to the change of the operation mode of the VTR 110, etc.

In the case of the editing mode, the processing means 115 stores, in the storing means 117, count values of cut-in and cut-out points programmed by the editing operation keys 113 during a

programming operation. When performing an editing action, the processing means 115 controls a reproducing action and generates commands according to data stored in the storing means 117. More specifically, the processing means 115 performs control in such a way as to begin the reproducing action just before the cut-in point as programmed and to send out remote-control data for a start of recording to the remote-control LED 119 when the cut-in point is passed. Then, reproduction is allowed to be carried on in a normal manner. Remote-control data for an end of recording is sent out again to the remote-control LED 119 when the cut-out point is passed. The editing action is thus carried out by repeating the above-mentioned control actions on a plurality of programmed data.

Applicants submit that Watanabe describes that after receiving a pause cancel instruction from the remote-control signal transmitting part of the camera-integrated type VTR 10 while a recording action of the stationary type VTR 11 is in a paused state, the system control part 13 releases the recording action from the paused state, but fails to disclose or render predictable “the control means is configured to **reproduce the imaging data in response to receiving a control command from the external recording device, and simultaneously transmit the imaging data to the external recording device** through the communication means,” as recited in claim 1.

Therefore, Applicants submit that independent claim 1 is patentable and respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection.

For reasons similar to, or somewhat similar to, those described above with regard to independent claim 1, independent claims 4 and 8 are also patentable, and Applicants thus respectfully request reconsideration of the rejections thereto.

IV. DEPENDENT CLAIMS

The other claims in this application are each dependent from one of the independent claims discussed above and are therefore believed patentable for at least the same reasons. Since each dependent claim is also deemed to define an additional aspect of the invention, however, the individual reconsideration of the patentability of each on its own merits is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

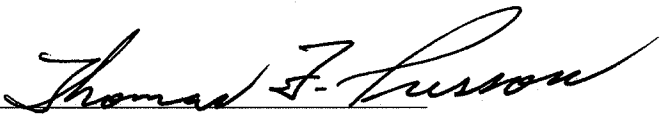
Because Applicant maintains that all claims are allowable for at least the reasons presented hereinabove, in the interests of brevity, this response does not comment on each and every comment made by the Examiner in the Office Action. This should not be taken as acquiescence of the substance of those comments, and Applicant reserves the right to address such comments.

In the event the Examiner disagrees with any of statements appearing above with respect to the disclosure in the cited reference, or references, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner specifically indicate those portions of the reference, or references, providing the basis for a contrary view.

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In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is believed that all of the claims in this application are patentable and Applicant respectfully requests early passage to issue of the present application.

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